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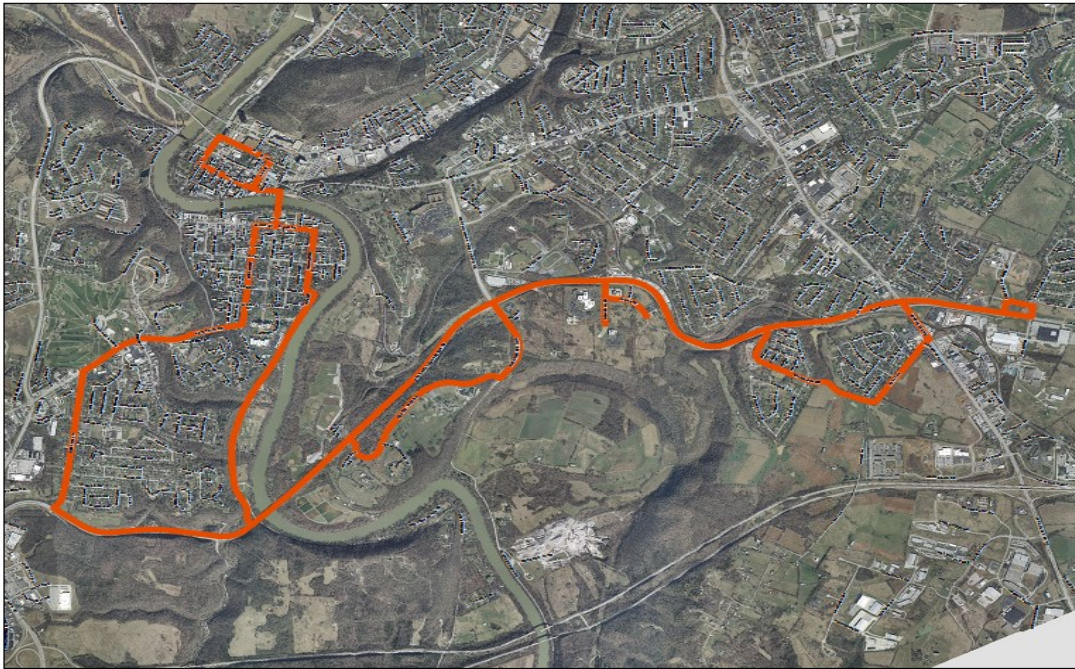


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South Route Added to Frankfort Bus System



The new South route for Frankfort Transit Department's bus system.

Frankfort's Transit Department has updated its bus routes to include an all-new route that will cover more areas and service more customers. The new South route will circle the perimeter of downtown Frankfort and connect to the East-West Connector via Collins lane, where it will end in a loop defined by Versailles Road, Hanly Lane, and Galbraith Road. Frankfort Transit Department described the new route as one "that would link downtown Frankfort with the residential and commercial concentrations at the east end of Frankfort via the new FPB building and state office complex being built on the East-West Connector."

This route will enable many Frankfort resi-

dents to conveniently catch the bus right where they live when there was no previous route to pick them up. The new route will also benefit employees at the new Commonwealth Credit Union and state department buildings by allowing them to commute to their new office locations via City transit.

The South route's tentative start date is August 1.

Bus fare has also changed as of July 1. All fixed route riders will now pay 25 cents per trip; this includes KSU students, military veterans, city employees, and children 12 and under. Transfers are free.

There are new prices for monthly passes as well: Demand, J.A.R.C., and Deviations

passes run \$50; Deviations from/to fixed routes go for \$30; and a route pass costs \$15, with deviations adding an additional charge of \$1.

For more information on bus routes and fares, please visit transit.frankfort.ky.gov.



A bus stop in front of the new State Department building.

Police Dept. and Courts Offer New Juvenile Community Service Opportunity

City of Frankfort Police Officer David Ingle is working with the Franklin County Juvenile Court system to provide juveniles opportunities to earn community service hours assigned by the Court through a Service Learning Projects Program.

In the past, when a juvenile in Franklin County was given community services hours, they were often told the hours they had to earn and given a list of businesses/organizations that might be available, according to Ingle. "There wasn't a very good chance that they would be able to earn the hours because by the time they get out of school the business might be closing. It was almost impossible to earn enough hours."

Earlier this year Officer Ingle stepped up and began working with Court Designated Worker Sarah Curtsinger to offer opportunities for juveniles (ages 14 to 17) to earn the community service hours needed to meet court requirements. The program, which began in April, offers two to three service projects a month in which the juveniles can participate. Each project is followed up with an essay written by the juvenile giving details of their experience.

The first service project opportunity is washing and performing routine maintenance on City patrol cars. "We

wash the vehicles and check things like the head lights, tail lights, sirens and tire pressure," Ingle said. While earning community service hours the juveniles are also helping the police fleet run more smoothly and identifying any potential problems.

Officer Ingle said other opportunities include "light labor" and can cover a multitude of projects. "In April we worked at Reforest Frankfort and planted trees for that event," Ingle said. Other upcoming projects include painting pillars for the Fire Department and potentially painting over some graffiti around town.

The other project that juveniles can participate in is self-initiated. The project is the creation of "I Care" Kits according to Ingle. These kits can include any items that might be needed by homeless citizens such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, deodorant, etc. On completion of this project juveniles are required to write an essay about the experience. One hour of credit is earned for the creation of the collection box and one hour is earned for completing the essay.

Officer Ingle said he is pleased with how the program is moving forward. "We give them the opportunities, it's up to them to take advantage of this program," Ingle explained. Although in its infancy, five juveniles have already taken advantage of the program since its implementation in April.

According to Officer Ingle this project evolved from discussions of the Franklin County Fair Team. The Fair Team was created through State Senate Bill 200 which substantially overhauled Kentucky's juvenile system. The Team consists of representatives from the Court, Law Enforcement, the County Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Private Attorneys, Substance Abuse Professionals, Alcohol Abuse Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Frankfort Independent Schools and Franklin County Schools.



Participants at Reforest Frankfort planting trees.

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Two-Way Main Street is Approved



Looking down Main Street on a busy afternoon.

After much debate and research on both sides, the discussion on whether or not to take part of Main Street back to two-way traffic has finally been resolved. At a special meeting of the Frankfort Board of Commissioners Monday, June 20, a 3-2 vote approved of changing West Main Street between Ann Street and Wilkinson Boulevard to a two-way traffic street.

According to some business owners on Main Street, changing to a two-way street will help them bring more revenue and visitors to the city. The change will be made in hopes of increasing businesses on the street and to help tourists navigate downtown easier.

Timelines for Main Street's transformation will be discussed in future Board of Commissioners work sessions.

Frankfort Fire/EMS Cardiac Arrest Protocol Already Saving Lives

It's only been two months since Frankfort's Fire Department put their new cardiac arrest protocol procedures to work and they're already seeing a difference in quality of service- and life.

When Focus on Frankfort announced the protocol in its spring 2016 issue, the procedures had not yet been put into place.

During the first five months of 2016, two out of sixteen patients had successful outcomes. Since its introduction, the number of patients saved has increased significantly.

"Since we implemented the new protocol, four of the nine cardiac arrest patients in the past fifty days have responded positively with no neurological deficits," said Fire Chief Eddie Slone.

The cardiac arrest protocol procedures work to stabilize patients on the scene, rather than attempting to work on them while en route by ambulance to the hospital. This includes starting CPR as soon as possible and sometimes the use of a defibrillator to shock the heart and establish a normal heart rhythm. Cardiac arrest drugs are also administered when needed.

But the increase in lives saved isn't all due to Fire/EMS services: everyday people who stay by the patient to help out until medical personnel come along have contributed as well.

"Frankfort Fire and EMS attributes the increased success rate of the patients to excellent bystander CPR and the new treatment procedures," Slone said.

When waiting for EMS services with someone who is medically distressed, remember to keep calm and perform first aid if possible. Do not attempt to provide the person with food or drink. Do not move them, unless they are in immediate danger.

For more information on what to do in an emergency, visit Frankfort's Fire/EMS page at Frankfort.ky.gov.



Cardiac Arrest Protocol training is performed in a cramped space—similar to environments paramedics have to work in frequently.



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Electronic Recycling Update

For public safety, electronic items may be dropped off at the Recycling Center, located at 309 Rouse Avenue, from 7:00 am– 2:30 pm, Monday-Friday. The Solid Waste Department is no longer picking up Electronic Recyclables from the curbside.

Some items that may be recycled include, but are not limited to:

- Computer monitors, printers, towers, keyboard, mouse and any cords
- Radios, CD players and headphones
- Rechargeable/ Non rechargeable batteries (No automobile batteries)
- Cellphones, chargers, cellphone batteries
- Small Appliances
- TV's (flatscreen or tubestyle)
- Any cables



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